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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for June 1903

SUBJECT.

Mrs. Bowen's appeal for help

To Mrs. Margaret Bowen, Kensington, London

D.O. dated 11-6-1903.

Regretting that the Govt: do not find any justification for departing from the principles and precedents which regulate such cases in the public service of the State and which preclude them from showing any additional recognition of her late husband's services in the shape of a money grant.

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To his Highness
The Maharajah of Mysore
India

The Memorial of
Margerit Bowen
4 Phillimore Terrace
Kensington W. London
Widow

Your Memorialist humbly sheweth
that she is the widow of Colonel Charles
Bowen R. E. who for a number of years
filled the important Post of Chief Engineer
to the Mysore Government.
That her husband died on the 6th December
last year. Greatly Impoverishing.

That he has left her with four sons
three of whom are British officers
in the service of his Majesty King
Edward the 7th. the fourth son is
also getting dependant on me (his Mother)
for his support.

That it must be well known to
your Highness's Government the
valuable service Colonel Bowen
rendered the State by the planning
and carrying out of the stupendous
Irrigation work which has made
both Mysore and Bangalore the
finest cities they now are.

For all this it is scarcely necessary
(I think) to remind your Highness that

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her has died without receiving any
recognition.

That your Memorialists Pension
from the British Government is only
£100 per annum, supplemented by a
Regimental Widow's Fund of £50 yearly.

That under the circumstances your
Memorialist humbly Prays that Your
Highness will be pleased to take her
case into favourable consideration and to
do in the matter which may seem to Your
Highness Government to be right and
proper

Margaret Bowen

Feby 13th

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Mysore
3rd March
1903

My dear Sir Krishna Murti

I am desired by His Highness to forward to you the enclosed petition from Mrs Bowen widow of the late Chief Engineer for favour of your opinion.

His Highness would like a brief statement of Col Bowen's services,

and also any information as to whether he was given a home or whether the question of giving him one was considered.

Yrs sincerely

E Macdonald

SHA. 1-03-3 (4)

My dear Mr Mc Cluskey,

Please return the enclosed after perusal & with any information you have on the subject. I do not think that any bonus was given to Mr Bowen or that there was any discussion about it - Some delay has taken place in my dealing with this subject - Kindly therefore favour me with the information you have as early as possible -

Yours sincerely

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SHA. 1-03-4

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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2.5.03

My dear Dewan

I return the enclosures forwarded with your D.O of this date.

I have sent to my office in Bangalore for a History of Col Bowen's services, but his services are on record in one of the older copies of "History of Services of Gazetted Officers in Mysore", and Col Bowen spent nearly all of his service in Mysore.

So far as I know no Bonus was given to Col Bowen on his leaving Mysore this last time: but he was only given 3 months privilege leave on full pay (to which he was entitled I believe) previous to retirement. I have, however, asked my Head Assistant to send me

records from Bangalore, if there are
any

Yours Sincerely
W. H. Hutchins

I hope you will be able to give me
an hour or two's interview on
Monday? Perhaps the morning
will be a less busy time with you,
& any time will suit me.

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Mr. Sh[illegible] to 03-5

Mr Shillidy the Surveyor
Kindly draft a
reply - copy of letter
is also sent up

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The papers with the case are returned herewith

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My dear Sir Krishna,

Sir Stephen accepts your view of Miss Bowen case & will be obliged if you will kindly have a suitable reply drafted

Yours sincerely

J Macrossan

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SHA 1-03-6

Bhavani House
Ootacamund
31st May 1903.

My dear Mr.Maconochie,

I sent up yesterday the reply of the Government of India refusing sanction to the bonus recommended to Col.McNiel Campbell. I waited for this reply before writing about Mrs.Bowen's application for help. After careful consideration I think there are no good grounds to comply with the request of Mrs.Bowen.Both before and after the late Col.Bowen retired on British pension he was drawing good payas Chief Engineer - and after he left our service he settled himself down in England for some years. His service in Mysore was very good and he drew also liberal pay for it. Judging by the view of the Govern ment of India as expressed in the Resident's letter about Col.McNiel Campbell I am not encouraged to recommend any grant to Mrs. Bowen. Under circumstances which were more favourable, Mrs.Macintire (Col.Bowen's sister,I think) was denied a bonuswhichHer Highness the Maharani wanted to give - and it was then given to her as a private gift I think. I had a talk on the subject with the Hon'ble Sir Donald Robertson and he seemed to think that there would be difficulty in the matter. On the whole I think a polite reply may be sent to her that the Durbar is unable to grant her any bonus.

The enclosed papers may be returned when no long-er required.

yours very sincerely

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To,
Mrs Margaret Bowen
~~4, Phillimore~~ Terrace
Kensington W. London.

Madam,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your memorial of the 13th Feby. last and to convey to you the regret of His Highness at the death of your husband Col.Bowen whose connection with Mysore extended over a period of more than 30 years. During this long period the Mysore Govt always appreciated the valuable services of Col.Bowen, and even after he retired on a British pension, continued his in the high position of the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Govt. for a number of years. His Highness the Maharaja's Government have bestowed the most sympathetic consideration on your representation and regret that they do not find any justification for departing from the principles and precedents which regulate such cases in the public service of the state and which preclude them from showing any additional recognition of your late husband's services in the shape of a money grant to you.

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yours truly,
11/6/03
Secretary.

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